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SENATOR SCHIMEK: What do you envision? What's the worst thing you can envision happening here? I mean, what are you really driving at? I really don't understand. I'm...let me give you a "for instance". If we're talking about, for instance, Philip Morris decides they want to give a great big grant to the Department of Health for some kind of women's initiative.

SENATOR TYSON: What kind of (inaudible).

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh...pardon?

SENATOR TYSON: What kind of women's initiative?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Oh, I don't know, maybe...maybe...

SENATOR TYSON: Breast cancer. Let's...do you want to take breast cancer?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Okay. Okay, we can do that. It doesn't really matter. I am guessing that the department would probably not take that money for a number of reasons.

SENATOR TYSON: Why?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Well, because, first of all, part of the...part of the goal of any health initiative in this state I think would be to prevent tobacco use, or usage, or to encourage people to discontinue tobacco usage...

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...and to take money from a company that promotes, dispenses, sells, whatever, that product would probably be uncomfortable for the Department of Health. I don't think they would take that money. Now, that's...I'm making an assumption here, but, I mean, that's okay. They can make that decision. What is it that you're envisioning that could happen here that...that says we need to change this language?

SENATOR TYSON: Well, let's say that the money was directed to any organization, I don't care, pick a name,...